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GAME FRIDAY

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QUINTET MEETS HOBART FRIDAY IN FIRST GAME

Howk Goes to Forward and Normile
to Guard as Team Rounds
Into Shape

NEW DEFENSE DEVELOPED

Capt. Kiley and Engert Form Nucleus
of Geneva Team

After three weeks of practice the Buff and Blue quintet is rounding into shape for its opening clash of the season with Hobart here this Friday evening. This will be the first match of a home and home series with Hobart.

With only four days remaining before the initial bow, Coach McBride has been pushing his men hard during the past few days in order to get them into the best possible shape. Special attention has been given to instruction in the fundamentals such as dribbling, pivoting and shooting.

A radical change has been made in the defensive play by the adoption of the five man defense which Oberlin worked so successfully against the Hill team last season. Because of the narrowness of the local court this defense has proven very hard to break in the practice sessions, and opposing teams are sure to find it a hard one to crack.

In the practices so far the team has shown fine work both on the offense and defense and should be able to give the Hobart team a hard run. The shifting of Howk to a forward and Normile back to a guard position seems to have strengthened the team considerably, judging from the results shown in practice.

Hamilton will have a good chance to revenge the two defeats suffered at the hands of Hobart last season if the pre-season reports from Hobart are true. According to the news from the latter college, Coach Welch is faced with the task of rebuilding practically the entire team due to losses through ineligibility.

Despite these losses, however, Hobart is expected to have a strong five this year, inasmuch as a number of second string men are left from last season in addition to some new material.

Capt. Kiley and Engert are the two men whom the Hill guards will have to watch. Both are good dribblers and shooters and unless checked carefully are liable to break up the new defense by their long shots.

STATE "Y", SECRETARY VISITS LOCAL CHAPTER

In his round of inspection of the various chapters of the Y. M. C. A. in the colleges of New York State, D. F. Parsons, New York State Secretary for the Y. M. C. A. councils, visited Hamilton last Monday and Tuesday. Among other things he discussed with members of the local chapter the matter of sending delegates to the national conference which will be held in Milwaukee from Dec. 28 to Jan. 1.

Mr. Parsons spent most of his time here visiting with the officers and various members of the Y. M. C. A. cabinets, and also with several M. M. Club members, talking over their plans for the coming year.

Mr. Parsons brought detailed information concerning the national conference. A four-day program, in which the discussion by world famous authorities on matters puzzling to the present college youth will take place, is planned. The theme of the conference will be an examination of the fundamentals of religion. The question, "Can we introduce Christianity into our life today in all its aspects?" and "Can Christianity be a success in our present scientific world?" will be handled by many prominent men, men of different occupations, men of different nationalities, and even men of different races.

It is expected that approximately 3000 delegates will be sent from the various men's and women's colleges throughout the country. There will be a special train to convey the delegates from New York State.

—News of the death of Rev. Wesley Walter Cole, '88, of Franklin O., on Oct. 27, has just been received. Mr. Cole's son, William H., graduated from Hamilton in 1914, and is now professor of Biology at Clark University, Worcester, Mass.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Wednesday
Glee Club rehearsal in Commons at 7:30.
Meeting of the History Club at the Lambda Xi Sigma House at 8:15.
Thursday
Choir rehearsal at 7:45.
Friday
Basketball game with Hobart at 8.
Dance at Emerson Hall at 9.
Saturday
Y. M. C. A. movies in Commons at 8.
Sunday
Chapel preacher, Rev. Robert P. Kreidler of Scranton, Pa.

NEW INFIRMARY PLAN PROVES BIG SUCCESS

Three Hundred Twenty-Two Patients
Treated to Date

The recently instituted system that is being tried for the first time in connection with the college infirmary has already proven to be a great success. Those who regarded the plan somewhat skeptically at the beginning of the year are forced to admit that the new plan is all that had been hoped for.

Under this plan the undergraduate pays a tax of \$10 each year. This entitles him to one week in the infirmary under the care of a doctor and a nurse and pays for his food and laundry while there. The charge also covers medical services that are extended to him during the doctor's hours in the infirmary or at his office in Clinton.

There has been an unbelievable increase in the number of patients treated so far this year over those of last year. During the month of October 125 patients were treated in the dispensary and three were confined in the infirmary for several days. There were 169 dispensary calls in November with seven confined to the infirmary. Last year there were but 432 cases during the entire year as against the 322 patients treated up to the first of this month.

In proportion to the increase in dispensary calls there has been a decrease in ill health on the campus. There has been no report of any contagious diseases and heavy cold and gripe have been almost unknown during the past months.

Three cases of appendicitis have been the worst of this year's ailments. Thomas McCready, '29, and Arthur Keeports, '28, have but recently been dismissed from a Utica hospital. Warren Dayton, '27, is at present confined there with the same affliction.

The college has been very fortunate in securing the services of Miss Campbell as a resident nurse. Miss Campbell has for several years very competently handled many of the more severe cases on the Hill.

A contagion ward, kitchen and living quarters for the nurse have been added, all connecting directly with the former ward. On the other side of the old reading room, quarters for the housekeeper and janitor have been arranged. Briefly the infirmary has taken on the appearance of a well-equipped modern hospital.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL TO MEET TOMORROW NIGHT

The regular meeting of the Executive Council of the Association for Undergraduate Activities will be held at Silliman Hall Wednesday evening at 7:30. All subjects to be discussed by the Council must have been submitted to the secretary, Vincent Burns, at least 48 hours before the meeting.

The names of a large number of men to be awarded letters in football, soccer, and cross country will be presented by the managers of the sports for approval by the Council. It is expected that, as in many meetings of the Council in recent years, there will be a discussion of the much-maligned managerial system now in use. Several amendments to the Constitution of the Undergraduate Association will be proposed.

The exact date of meeting of the college body will not be decided until the Council meeting is held but it probably will be in the Hill of Commons, Friday evening, Dec. 17. Members of the Council elected, and votes Awards will be made, junior members on any amendments submitted.

College Life in the Sixties Shown in "The Hamilton Campus"

Third Publication Continued from 1866 to 1869—Destined to be a "Reliable Organ of College Intelligence"—Future Rivalry with "Hamilton Literary Monthly."

(The following is the third of a series of five articles dealing with former Hamilton publications. Editor's Note.)

After the "Radiator" became defunct in 1849, Hamilton produced no more periodical publications until 1866. Although the first Hamiltonian was published in 1859, that publication will not be considered in this series until later. The Hamiltonian, as it is today, was the child of two other publications. The modern Hamiltonian, the result of these two influences, did not appear until after 1866.

In that year two publications were commenced, the second of which, as progenitor of "Hamilton 'Lit'", was destined to continue until a few years ago. In March, three months before the original "Lit," was commenced, a weekly publication appeared with the title of "The Hamilton Campus." The "Campus" had a longer life than either of its predecessors, the "Talisman," or the "Radiator." It was published continuously until 1869. Those years appear to have been hectic ones in Hamilton's journalistic world, as well as in her undergraduate world. Between the two newly founded publications a bitter rivalry existed unabated, until the discontinuance of the "Campus," for reasons which cannot be discovered, in 1869. Many comments denunciations of the other journal may be found in the pages of each.

The "Campus" was comparatively modern, both in the nature of its articles, and in the method of its production. It was much more like *Life* than either of its forerunners. Like *Life*, it was published weekly, in four page form.

As in the case of the "Radiator," the "Campus" was published with large pages. The articles went from the length of one column to the top of the next column to the right, and so on. In arrangement and contents, the new publication, while less extensive than the "Radiator," and much more modern, followed in general the example of that paper.

Every new journal must have an introductory article in its first number, and very well indeed did the first editors of the "Campus" state their purpose and aims. The first editorial in the first number of the "Campus" declares, in part, that "We proffer no apology for our modest sheet, but

we ask that criticism of our efforts may be lenient, in consideration of our means and resources. In the hope that it may fulfill our purpose as a college paper, that it may be of much interest to all connected with institutions of learning, we let it go forth to fill its little place in the education of the world. That it may stimulate a love of thought and refinement; that it may make us manly in our every action; that it may open some spring of good influence which shall go on gathering strength by flowing, is our hope and aim."

The editorial goes on to explain the policy of the paper, which was followed closely for the three years of its existence. It was to be a "reliable organ of college intelligence....to fight and perhaps to overcome errors in our little world of college life....to report all matters of interest to those connected, either as instructors or pupils, with seminaries of learning." The editors invite contributions of literary productions, on topics of interest to college students. They announce that articles on athletics, and reports of all contests are to be included.

It is interesting to note that the boards of the "Campus" served for three terms each. The college year was then divided into three terms. The fall term lasted from the opening of college in September until after the Christmas vacation, which lasted for a month. The winter term began during the second week in January, to extend to the first of April. Another vacation of a month brought on the spring term, from May 1st until the close of college in July. One board of editors would come into office with the spring term, and hold office for one year.

The contents of the "Campus" follow in general the outline given in the introductory article in the first issue. They included poetry, by undergraduates or otherwise; communications of various natures, dealing with topics of interest to undergraduates; articles discussing current events in the world; editorials written with a surprisingly high degree of literary skill, and indicative of keen observation; jokes, clippings, and miscellaneous articles of all sorts—all these found place in the columns of "Campus," besides all the college (Continued on page 4)

YOUNGEST FROSH IS FIFTEEN YEARS OLD

Statistics of Class Reveal Wide Disparity in Ages and Homes

An examination of the records show that the average age of this year's freshman class, the largest in the history of the college, compares closely with the average age of other entering classes of recent years. Ten years separate the youngest freshman from the oldest, but in general there is no wide disparity of ages. The average age is 18. This is the normal age of men who have completed their elementary and secondary school work in this state since the state law requires school attendance at six.

The youngest yearling, 15 years old, has also the distinction of being the youngest man in college. The oldest freshman, 25 years old, is four years younger than the oldest student in college, a sophomore. Five have reached the age at which they are entitled to vote.

There are 46 men below the average age and of these, 41 are 17 years old. Twelve states and one foreign country are represented by members of the class of 1930. As in past years the great majority are from New York State, with a large number from this vicinity. Three-fourths of the class, or 120 men, are from this state. New Jersey, with nine freshmen, has the next largest delegation.

Massachusetts and Illinois are tied for third place with five men each. Florida is the most distant state to be represented. Other states on the list include Vermont, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, Michigan, West Virginia, Indiana, and Maryland. One freshman names Paris, France, as his residence.

—Arthur T. Foley, '25, is now affiliated with the National Bank of Old Forge.

FENCING PROSPECTS FORECAST GOOD TEAM

Veteran Swordsmen to Form Nucleus of This Year's Team

Early practices have shown a good amount of promising material on hand for the fencing team. The personnel of this year's team will be practically the same as that of last year's, only a few losses having been suffered through graduation.

It is, however, too early to forecast definitely just what men will be used in the various branches of the sport. Among the most likely candidates are Capt. Britten, who was on the epee team last year, and Bookhout, Dayton, and King, all of whom were on the foils team.

Dayton, however, was taken ill with appendicitis last week and it is uncertain whether he will be able to continue fencing this year. At all events he will be off the squad for a number of weeks.

Coach Gelas has not yet decided how he will apportion the men in the various divisions of the work. He is trying out most of the candidates for the foils, which is the most difficult part of fencing, and will change some of them to the epee and sabre in order to make a balanced team.

Among the candidates for the foils, in addition to those mentioned above, are Dold, Almira, C. Ferry, Gilbert, and Merritt. W. Ferry and Miller are out for epee work, and Kessler, Redmond, Sayres and Cooper are considered as possibilities in the sabres.

An unusually large number of men are out for fencing this year and it is hoped that a team may be picked which will be able to continue the good work done in the past. Two years ago the Hamilton fencers lost the Intercollegiate Championship by one point, and last year they established an enviable record.

E. L. S. TO GIVE FIRST WINTER DANCE FRIDAY

The initial dance of the winter season will be given by the Emerson Literary Society immediately following the basketball game with Hobart next Friday evening.

The fact that this game is the first of the basketball season should insure the presence of a large number of visitors on the Hill, and consequently a large attendance at the opening dance at Emerson Hall. The Buff and Blue Orchestra will furnish the music, and dancing will be enjoyed from 8:30 to 1:30. All upperclassmen of the college are invited to attend.

NEW BUTTRICK HALL IS OPENED FOR USE

College Administrative Offices Transferred to New Location

Last week the college administrative department was established in Buttrick Hall. The building, which contains a much greater floor space than is apparent to the passer-by, holds the offices of the president and his secretary, the bursar, the dean, the field secretary, the superintendent of buildings and grounds, and the assembly room of the board of trustees.

Of the two apparent front entrances, only the one on the north is to be used. It leads into a delightful, bright waiting room tastefully furnished with walnut furniture of the Windsor pattern. From this anteroom are the main entrances to the president's offices, to the bursar's department in the ell of the building, and to the field secretary's and dean's offices. Each door is well labeled with name plates and markers designating office hours. The stairway which leads to the trustees' room is in this part of the building.

Spacious rooms handsomely furnished in ivory and in a colonial style prevail in the president's offices. As formerly in the library, the outer office is occupied by the secretary to the president. Dr. Ferry now has two offices of his own, one for consultations and a private one for work. In all the rooms of this suite exposed binges and latches are to be found. The consultation room is equipped with appropriate furniture, oriental rugs, and excellent portraits.

Entrance to the bursar's public office gives the impression of going into a bank. Three plain latticed windows connected with obscure lighting separate the visitor from the section in use by the stenographers, while two writing desks are furnished for the callers' convenience. Mr. Coughlin's private office and that of the superintendent are to the extreme rear of the building and are connected with this public entry.

The crowning features of the building is the trustees' meeting room, which is different than anything the Hill has ever before seen. It occupies the entire second floor of the rear portion of the structure, the front portion being devoted to storage and cloak-room purposes. This assembly hall is furnished entirely through the generosity of Hon. Elihu Root, who has donated 34 large blue opholstered chairs, a mahogany council table, 25 by 5', and side table to match. Pictures of celebrated trustees of former times adorn the walls. Period wall lamps, electrified to keep up with the times, complete the make-up of this unique meeting chamber.

DR. FERRY SPEAKS AT MANY LARGE MEETINGS

Dr. Ferry has had an unusual number of speaking engagements during the past few days and his calendar for this week is well-crowded. Last Saturday he attended a meeting of the State Examination Board of the University of the State of New York in Albany. On Monday he spoke at the Sesquicentennial Dinner of the State Association of Phi Beta Kappa in New York. He is to speak at a luncheon of the Central New York Association of that society this noon, and on Thursday he is to address the St. Paul's Church Club in Syracuse.

—Don Sidle, '11, is assistant manager of the Penn Square branch office of the Travelers' Insurance Co., with headquarters in the Finance Building, Philadelphia.

The Executive Committee of the Hamilton Alumni Association has fixed the date and place of the annual New York Alumni Dinner as Friday, Jan. 21, 1927, at the Hotel Commodore.

FIRST FRENCH LECTURE GIVEN BY M. CHAMPION

Anatole France and "The Social and Intellectual Paris of 1926 After 1926" Are Discussed

LECTURES WHOLLY IN FRENCH

Vivacity, Charm and Wit of Noted
Publisher Charm Audiences

Vivacity, charm of presence, wit, a profound knowledge of his subject—in fact all that is entertaining in a lecturer—characterized M. Edouard Champion, whose illustrated French lectures, the first ever given on the Hill, were delivered in the Chapel last Friday and Saturday nights. His subjects were "Souvenirs d'Anatole France," and "The Social and Intellectual Paris of 1926." Both lectures were well attended by appreciative audiences of undergraduates, faculty, and others interested in the French language.

Dr. Shepard introduced Friday evening a rather stocky man, who fairly radiated geniality and "pep," as M. Champion, Parisien. M. Champion is a widely known book collector and publisher of Paris, and the author of 19 volumes, mostly reviews. Mme. Champion accompanies him on his lecture tour, which already shows a total of over 80 lectures in about 60 days. The lecturer is here in the United States in the interests of numerous American libraries which he represents in Paris.

The subject of Anatole France for M. Champion's first lecture was indeed well chosen, as the two men were intimate friends. The France and Champion families have been intimate friends for many years, Anatole France's father having once been the owner of the present Champion bookshop in Paris. Anatole France was also a lover and seller of books, and M. Champion brought out as one of salient points, the influence of this profession upon the celebrated author. France was a great admirer of Jean Racine, whose works he memorized word for word. A friend of Anatole France, Mme. de Caillavete, who was a society leader of Paris in the 80's and 90's, also had a great influence on his literary career. It was she who inspired him to write that great romance, "Le Crime de Sylvestre Bonnard," upon whose merits he was elected to the Academy. One of the stereopticon views that were given after the lecture showed a page of the manuscript of this famed book.

He never prefaced any of his works and no amount of persuasion could make him—nor would he write a preface for another author. M. Champion quoted several of the author's letters, one of which congratulated him upon his youth and ability "to lay down the pen for the sword" in the defense (Continued on page 4)

FRIENDSHIP STRESSED BY DR. PERRY SUNDAY

On Sunday, Dr. Lewis Perry, headmaster of Phillips-Exeter Academy, delivered an exceptionally interesting sermon to the undergraduates. Confidence, religion, and friendship in our everyday life was the subject upon which he spoke, and he presented it in such a manner that he held his listeners as few other chapel speakers can.

Dr. Perry stressed first of all the necessity of confidence if success is to be achieved. He cited incidents of great success coming to those with little skill and great confidence far before it comes to the skillful man who lacks self-confidence.

"Conceited people," he said, "are greatly disliked, especially in schools and colleges, but these people have done far more for the world than the man impressed with his own inability, the side-stepper."

"Progress lies not with the leaders but with the followers," he continued, and added his confidence in the belief that the human race is progressing in ideals, ideas, and the grace of humanity.

"Do your work, have confidence in your ability to work and be able to work well with others," was his charge to the students.

Finally as an example of supreme success, Dr. Perry pointed out the life of Jesus Christ. He urged the people of the world today to emulate the characteristics of friendship and confidence that one finds reflected in the life of the Great Leader.

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HIGH HAT HAMILTON

In the last five years, Hamilton has rapidly assumed the aspect of a cosmopolitan college in the matter of undergraduate dress. Whereas not many years ago Hamilton men took a keen pride in their rough, picturesque, and often shabby dress, today they glory in the meticulous neatness of their attire. The sweatshirt has been replaced by the suit coat, khaki trousers and boots are giving way to plus four knickers and imported golf hose, and, in the none too distant future, sheep-skins will probably be supplanted by fur coats.

This metamorphosis from flannel to broadcloth shirts is by no means limited to Hamilton undergraduates. Throughout the colleges of the country, particularly those of the East, the same general trend is easily observed. In a recent letter to "The Dartmouth," Percy Marks, author of the collegiate guidebook, "The Plastic Age," and former instructor at Dartmouth, deplored the aesthetic tendencies of that institution and implored the undergraduates to return to the virile enthusiasms of former days. In certain mid-western and western colleges and universities the he-man tradition still hangs on, but it is gasping its last gasp in eastern institutions.

To point out the existence of such a condition is relatively simple. To get at the basic causes for such a change is far more difficult. Vanity has probably always been the motivating force in man's dress. In coeducational universities, where men are forced to parade daily before discriminating feminine eyes, there is always a tendency toward fastidiousness. This factor, however, can certainly have no bearing at Hamilton. Excepting the relatively small increase in the stenographic forces of the administrative departments, the campus is as devoid of daily female attendance as it ever was. Yet the average undergraduate now spends more time in selecting his daily cravat than did his forerunner in choosing an entire wardrobe.

The obvious inference arising from the general improvements in dress is that the undergraduates are richer than those of former times. Although the United States as a whole became immensely wealthy during the war and although there is a decided tendency toward a more general acquisition of luxuries throughout the country, we have grave doubts as to whether the per capita wealth of the average undergraduate at Hamilton is any greater today than it was six or seven years ago. Certain it is that in the days of carelessly clad college men, the admittedly wealthy undergraduate was no more attentive to the details of his apparel than was his indigent classmate.

The theory may also be advanced that Hamilton men are dressing better because they are living in better houses. It is true that the most recent additions to Hamilton fraternity houses are non conducive to the wearing of either old or soiled raiment. But the same tendency toward better dressing can be readily noticed in crowds which are still living in the same houses that they occupied in the rough and ready days.

Closely allied to, and, we believe, an effect rather than a cause of, fastidiousness in dress, is the very apparent demise of all desire on the part of undergraduates for rowing and rough-housing of any kind. When a man always wore old clothes, he had no objection to rows and came to look upon them as a natural part of his undergraduate existence. The tie row of last fall, however, when sophomores gingerly attempted to remove red ties from the freshmen without ruining the creases in their trousers, shows how rowing was bound to go into the discard with shabby clothes.

It is, perhaps, a combination of all these factors plus a certain post-war attitude of general rebellion toward anything that is fixed and established which has led the undergraduate at Hamilton to abandon the rough garb of the lumber camp for the smooth habiliments of the drawing room. It is probably a reflection of the groping of the financially rich but culturally impoverished nation toward the outward aspects of refinement.

One thing, however, is certain. Fastidiousness in dress is on the increase at Hamilton, and will continue on the increase. Ten years from now the undergraduates will look back upon the crudities of today with much the same contempt with which we view those of a decade ago.

A WISE MOVE

The recent decision of the managers of basketball and hockey to minimize local entertainment, with the ultimate aim of abolishing the practice of giving board and lodging to visiting athletic teams, is a wise one. For many years Hamilton fraternities have been forced to play host to visiting athletic teams for lengths of time varying from a single meal to two days. Hamilton teams, on the other hand, have seldom expected or received entertainment of this nature from other colleges.

Local entertainment is advantageous neither to the visiting team nor to the crowd furnishing the entertainment. Most coaches wish to keep their squad together while on trips and there can obviously be no check kept on the players when they are scattered about the campus at half a dozen different houses. The crowds themselves certainly take no particular pleasure in entertaining athletes from other colleges. An occasional visitor is never objected to, but to be requested as often as two or three times a week to give up several beds and considerable time in entertaining guests who are relatively uninterested in the college is a decided infringement upon the good nature of the undergraduates.

In attempting to abolish the practice of local entertainment, Hamilton is evidencing no diminution in hospitality. Members of a team visiting Hamilton have always been considered the guests of the college and every effort has been made to make their stay on the Hill a pleasant one. We feel certain that this hospitality will continue undiminished in the future. The numerous objections constantly arising to local entertainment simply point to the advisability of its abolishment.

COLD WEATHER PERMITS

EARLY HOCKEY PRACTICE

Continued cold weather has allowed the hockey rink to be flooded, and since last Thursday the hockey squad has been having practice on the ice, which is now several inches thick. This is unusually early for the team to get in regular work-outs, and ought to insure a good start in the first game with Middlebury on Dec. 17. Last Wednesday, however, Calkins,

who was one of the most likely of the men who played on last year's freshman team and would undoubtedly have been used in varsity games this season, suffered a dislocation of the knee during practice. He will be unable to play for an indefinite period.

In spite of this loss the team's prospects for beating Middlebury are considered good. They will be heightened by the advantage of a longer period of practice than has been usual in past years. The lineup for the first game is as yet unsettled.

THE FORUM

Alumnus Comes to Defense of R. F., '24, in Attack on Carpe

To the Editor of Life:

I suppose it is everyone's privilege to be ashamed of what he has one-time written. And it is certainly to one's credit if he changes his opinions when he discovers himself in error. The credit is the greater if the changes comes quickly.

I have in mind a letter to the Editor of Life which appeared in The Forum on Nov. 23, 1926, signed by A. F., '27. Unfortunately I have not preserved the previous copy of Life in which was printed R. F., '24's communication which was made the subject of the letter in question. However, I recall that at the time I was impressed by the truth of what R. F. said about the letters in Life on the subject of college spirit and about the policy of Carpe Diem, if it may be said to have one. His chief criticism of the communications was that they had degenerated into personalities. This fact was certainly evident to every alumnus and, I hope, to most of the undergraduates. They may not be excused on the ground that they were witty or brilliant or sane; to me they seemed merely offensive. Each attack lead to a counter attack until the whole thing developed into an orgy of insults.

A. F. wrote in his reply to R. F. that the latter had quickly changed from a participant in the "imbecile babbling" of Carpe Diem to an "astute member of a dignified high school faculty" and attributes his letter to the resultant change in his viewpoint (sic). Perhaps this is true. I don't know, nor care. If it is true, my first paragraph is an answer to that. The point is that R. F.'s criticism was sound and well-merited. This fact is fully demonstrated in A. F.'s reply, compact of ugly personalities as it was.

I regret to say that I cannot find it in my power to utter a word of praise of Carpe Diem. A. F. regards Carpe Diem as a column in which the faculty or the college community learns to stand a "joke or two at its expense." He goes on to say: "If we are to let minor eccentricities or amusing occurrences go by unnoticed, we may as well give up the idea (sic) of trying to retain that something which all normal individuals are proud to possess—a sense of humor." The unfortunate thing is that rarely have I been able to detect a joke in the column, not even a line which by the most liberal interpretation might be called a joke. And if Carpe Diem is an example of the sense of humor toward which Hamilton College is striving, I can only fervently pray: "God help Hamilton College!" For humor I had rather read The World Almanac.

Of course the natural retort to my letter is that there is no penalty attached to failure to read Carpe Diem. But if "every loyal alumnus should subscribe to Hamilton Life," Life must try to grow up.

A. D., '21.

P. S. The editorials in Life, I must add, are the most hopeful indication I have yet seen of this growing up.

HAMILTONIAN HAS MANY SUBSCRIBERS THIS YEAR

With the fraternities giving their practically undivided support, and with about 50% of the neutral body responding, the Hamiltonian has completed the most successful subscription campaign on record. Over 350 subscriptions have been secured from the undergraduate body to date. This is an unparalleled number of student subscriptions. The campaign was conducted by the competitors for the editorship and business managership of the 1929 Hamiltonian.

Besides the campaign in the college, a thorough canvass of the alumni is being made. A circular appeal for subscriptions and advertising has been sent to the alumni of the college, and to parents of students who are engaged in a business which could profitably advertise in a college publication. Eight subscriptions have already been received from alumni and many more are anticipated.

To provide for the unprecedented number of subscriptions to this year's Hamiltonian, the order for books to the printer will probably have to be increased. The managers of the Hamiltonian urge all alumni to send in their orders as soon as possible in order that the necessary number of copies may be determined. In case of a shortage in books, the orders first received will be filled first.

—Joseph L. Katz, '26, is attending Columbia Law School.

—Joseph Holley, '28, who underwent an operation for appendicitis at Faxon Hospital, Utica, last Friday night, is reported to be out of danger and resting comfortably.

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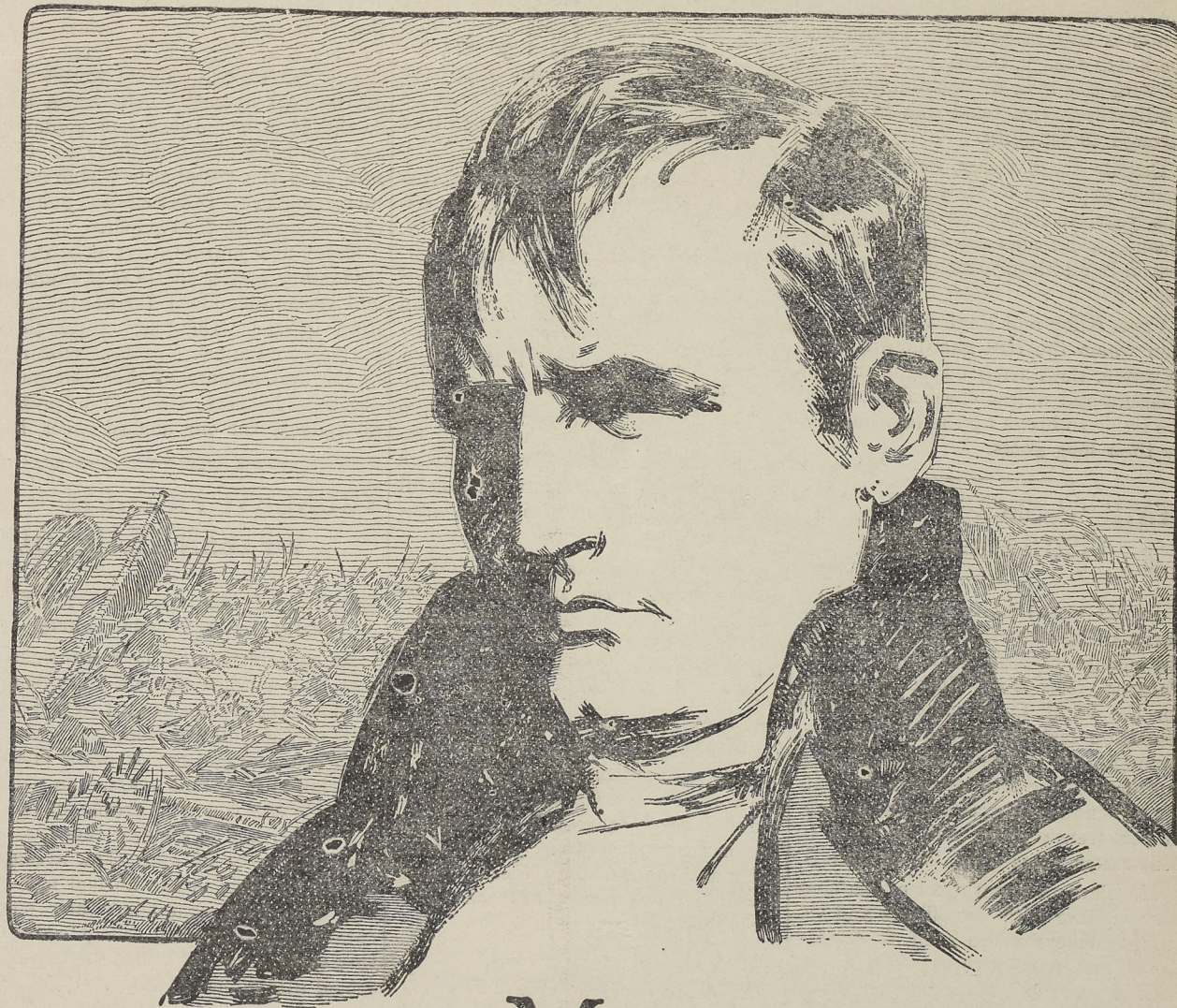
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"You didn't come to conference before the final bell."

...

In the Editor's correspondence, Carpe found the following Christmas card:
From Big Mencken to Little Mencken, with a carbon copy for his shadow—
To Hell with everything!
HENRY.

...

THE FIVE SWELLEST COURSES IN COLLEGE

What are the five swellest courses available in college? This question was not asked last week of 10 representative seniors, to assist freshmen in electing courses that are worth while writing home about. Their answers do not follow:

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- II. History 1-2 (or, how I rate in Baton Rouge). Boys, here's a nifty!
- III. Cal's Ellaeution—1-2 of 1%. (Recount demanded.)
- IV. French 1-2 (under Gorgeous Jorges or "Bowler" Bachmann)—1-62 point.
- V. History of Neanderthal Man, wild rice, Chinese fertilization methods, rhetoric, ethics, philosophy, and philology, otherwise known as Economics 3-4. A liberal education in Rhodes Scholarship—No votes.

BONX.

...

Well, now that the big Thanksgiving recess is over, and the Administration has moved into the new dove-cote, and Dr. Squires' course in Cerebral Aerobatics has been neglected by the Inquiring Reporter, and Prettyman's Puck-chasers are to be equipped with water-wings in the coecygeal region, and it has finally been decided that the sapping squad is laying steam pipes to the Sage Building, it is well high time that the warden of this preserve start erecting those hurdles for the North-Truax-Carnegie steeplechase; before long it will be too late to work up any real nice drifts on the curve.

Slo-G.

...

Dear Carpe:

I asked General Burton the other day how long he intended the campaign to last and he whispered to me confidentially, "I'LL DIG THEM UP ALONG THIS LINE IF IT TAKES ALL WINTER."
P. S. I think it will.

G. G.

...

"Well, it won't be long now, uh?" snickered tonsorial George, as his clip-pers ate into Bachmann's arenaceous locks.

"Hell," growled Ackerman from the waiting-chair, "ain't a year and a half long enough?"

...

Departmental Ditties (No. 1)

To God on high may praises be!
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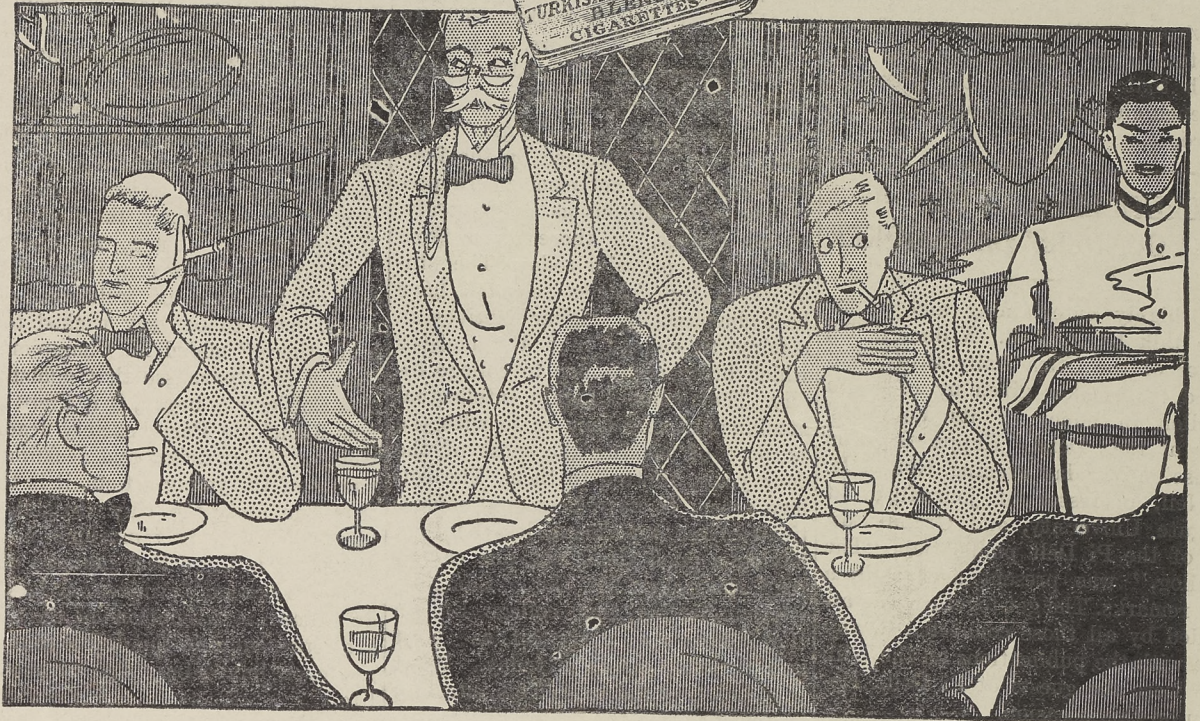
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Dr. and Mrs. W. P. Shepard gave a delightful reception Saturday afternoon for their guests, M. Edouard Champion and Mme. Champion. Those invited were members of Professor Shepard's French 9-10 class, members of the faculty interested in French, and several guests from Utica. M. Champion advocated at the reception the formation of a "Cercle francais," a club that resembles the present French club conducted by Dr. Shepard.

PI DELTA EPSILON HAS FOUNDERS' DAY SMOKER

A highly entertaining and profitable talk by Paul B. Williams, '08, editor of the Utica Daily Press, featured the smoker given by Pi Delta Epsilon in honor of its Founders' Day at the Delta Kappa Epsilon House on Monday evening. Robert H. McNeil, professor of journalism at Colgate University, and Grand Editor of the Pi Delta publication, "The Epsilon," was present and made a few remarks. The get-together was attended by all those connected in any way with the publications on the Hill, who were the guests of Pi Delta Epsilon on this occasion.

Each year on the 6th of December each chapter of Pi Delta Epsilon celebrates, in some appropriate manner, the founding of the national society. Last year the local chapter secured as speaker for the occasion, Oswald Garrison Villard, the distinguished editor of The Nation.

"YELLOW-JACKET" CAST CHOSEN BY CHARLATANS

The Charlatans have decided to give "The Yellow-Jacket", a Chinese play done in a Chinese manner, by George Hazelton and Bunrino, instead of "Hell Bent for Heaven" as was originally planned.

The following have been cast for the parts as a result of their performance in the try-outs for "Hell Bent for Heaven":

Property man, Goodwin, '27; chorus, Estelow, '28; Wu Sin Yin, Olmsted, '27; Due Jung Fah, Ulmer, '29; Chee Moo, Heyl, '28; Tai Fah Min, Pitcher, '28; Suey Sin Fah, Pratt, '30; Lee Sin, Sanborne, '27; Wu Fah Din, Cutter, '29; Wu Hoo Git, Jarret, '30; Lee Quoe Fah, Hirschheimer, '27; Mow Dan Fah, Graves, '28; Yong Soo Kow, Baker, '30; Chow Wan, Perry, '30; Moy Fah Son, Mangin, '30; Lee Noi, Campbell, '30; the Widow Ching, E. Clark, '28; Maun Gong, Wadsworth, '29; Kom Toi, Mulligan, '27; Loy Gong, Ellison, '29; Tai Char Shong, F. Corby, '30; Git Hok Gar, Thomas, '27.

"THE HAMILTON CAMPUS" SHOWS EARLY LIFE HERE (Continued from page 1)

news and announcements.

The articles found in the "Campus" shed much light upon the life of the Hamilton of the sixties. These years were of course critical ones in the college, as well as in the nation. The college had undergone a period of depression accompanying the Civil War. The number of undergraduates at this time was less than 200. In 1868 there were 39 seniors, 56 juniors, 53 sophomores, and 37 freshmen, with a total attendance of 185.

The reader of the "Campus" cannot fail to be impressed by the feeling that a different atmosphere prevailed at Hamilton, as undoubtedly, at all college, in those days, from that which prevails today. The students in the 'sixties seem to have been inspired by higher motives in coming to college than the motives which bring many men to college today. They came to gain intellectual attainments, and they came with the purpose of making the most of the four years allotted to them. The college seems to have been less sophisticated, less superficial, less bent on having a good time. Yet, one cannot read the pages of the "Campus" without feeling that college life in those days was every bit as "fast and furious" as it is today. What they did, they did hard. This intensity is revealed by the keen rivalry between the two publications which appeared first in 1866.

The most bitter outburst of fury which resulted from the rivalry between the "Campus" and "Monthly," is seen in a lengthy editorial in the final issue of the former. There had evidently been an attempt made to unite the two journals. The editorial referred to makes a fervid attack upon the editors of the "Monthly," who, it claims, had been guilty of the most flagrant dishonor, in the matter of the voting by the college in the question of the nature of the new publication, which, as it turned out, never materialized.

The communications to the editors, which occupy considerable space in the "Campus," are on many subjects, some critical, some philosophical. The athletic notices found are generally on the subject of interclass games, which constituted the chief form of athletics. There are several accounts of heated contests between two classes, particularly in baseball. One game, especially bitterly fought, between the classes of '68 and '70, ended with the score 66-21, in favor of the former. Other articles about college happenings were largely announcements of chapel appearances, club meetings, and lost and found articles. Announcements are often seen of meetings of the Chess Club, or of the Croquet Club. A modern feature was the presence of an Exchange Department.

M. CHAMPION DELIVERS FIRST FRENCH LECTURE (Continued from page 1)

of France. Another quotation proclaimed man "a political animal, the worst in the world." France, in being a skeptic, incurred in religious circles the name of a rather bad man. One devout parishioner said to his priest after the author's death, "Surely France must be in hell." "No," replied the priest, "God had undoubtedly read his books."

The lecture on Saturday night, "Social and Intellectual Paris," was divided into two parts: a description of the Paris that plays, and the Paris that works. "The real Paris," said M. Champion, "is a very small section of the city itself, the district of Montparnasse." There, as formerly in Montmartre, one can, if he wishes, live all his life in seclusion. One would have to be very wicked to be hung there," added M. Champion. It was in Montparnasse that cubist art and Bolshevism began, it is there that Les Reines de Paris, society leaders, whisper the criticism and acclaim the merits of the young artists, it is there that one finds the tiny Russian cabarets with their "musique nostalgique," it is there that mulatto dancers have become favorites in the Cafe du Dome. . . . All nations of the world are represented in this Babel that sets the ever increasing pace of modern life.

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